

United States Patent  
LaForge and Korver

Patent Number: APPLICATION

Date of Patent: APPLICATION

ALGORITHMIC METHOD AND COMPUTER SYSTEM  
FOR SYNTHESIZING SELF-HEALING NETWORKS,  
BUS STRUCTURES, AND CONNECTIVITIES

Inventors: Laurence E. LaForge;  
Kirk F. Korver, both of Reno, NV

Assignee: The Right Stuff of Tahoe, Incorporated,  
Reno, NV

Appl. No: 60/261,863

Filed: 17-Jan-2001

Int. Cl. .... H04L 1/22

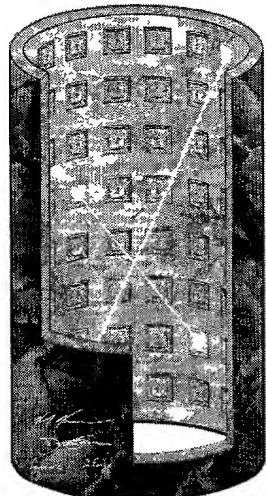
U.S. Cl ..... 370/216.225;  
370/216.217; 714/100.1.2.3.4; 703/2

Field of Search ..... 703/13;  
706/45; 370/216, 217, 223, 230, 255, 258, 238;  
709/220, 223, 239, 241; 345/735, 839, 853

References Cited

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

5,557,775	9/1996	Shedletsky .....	703/13
5,754,831	5/1998	Berman .....	703/13
5,831,610	11/1998	Tonelli <i>et al.</i> .....	345/735
6,058,262	5/2000	Kawas <i>et al.</i> .....	345/735
6,061,335	5/2000	De Vito <i>et al.</i> .....	370/258
6,141,318	10/2000	Miyao .....	370/217



6,279,142 8/2001 Bowen *et al.* ..... 716/5  
6,317,599 11/2001 Rappaport *et al.* .... 455/446

(References continued on next page)

Examiner — APPLICATION  
Attorney, Agent, or Firm — Nath and Associates

Federally Sponsored Research —  
Limited rights in data, the NASA Institute for  
Advanced Concepts, as per 14 CFR Part 1260.29

ABSTRACT

The invention is an algorithmic method, or a computer implementation thereof, which *synthesizes connectivities*. In its prototypical form, the invention *computes pairwise channels for an arbitrary number of nodes, minimizing both latency and the cost of channels, such that all, or nearly all, healthy nodes remain connected, despite a prescribed number or proportion of failures in channels and/or nodes*. The invention also solves a similar problem, where minimum latency is replaced or augmented by maximum throughput. In general, channels may bear a non-uniform *cost*, nodes are assigned a *value*, each channel or node has a corresponding *latency* and *capacity*, and fault patterns may be probabilistic or deterministic. In particular, the invention optimizes the connectivity of large numbers of computers, perhaps dynamically self-organizing. Beneficial applications include the design and operation of self-healing, fault tolerant multicompilers and wired networks, as well as wireless networks having little or no dependence on central antennae.

